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Subject: Report

As you know, since my arrival here in Hempstead, my primary focus has been to raise the bar for us in the District in terms of our effective delivery of services for our children and to uplift the reputation of this District as it returns to being the top notched educational system that it is capable of being.

My efforts have allowed me to see the best of our District from the brilliance of our Pre-K to our 12th Grade students to the dedicated expertise of our teachers and teaching assistants. I have been convinced that with all of us pulling together we can elevate all that we do and all that we produce. Unfortunately, I have seen things that I know are holding us back and that I believe must be addressed before the heights we seek can be achieved.

To that end, I am advising the Board that after raising questions about suspected illegal financial activity to members of the District, no corrective action has taken place. As a fiduciary and as a guardian of the public trust I have been compelled to consult with several law enforcement agencies on the local, state and federal level about disturbing facts which have become apparent to me, which I felt could not and should not be occurring. These matters are of a nature that endanger the public health, welfare, and safety of our district and appear to be both unlawful and unethical, and required disclosure to, and an evaluation by, governmental offices outside the confines of the Hempstead School District.

The need to provide this information was mandated by two factors: first, the fact that instead of corrective action, I am seeing the opposite; and second, my professional, moral and legal obligation to serve the District and those who are truly the consumers – our children --, and the community at large.

Educationally yours,
Shimon Waronker, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools